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Brazil, PSG soccer star Neymar denies alleged rape in Paris

The international superstar went to Instagram to deny the allegations.

Brazil soccer star Neymar has denied an accusation of rape, outlined in a police report seen by Reuters, in which an unnamed woman alleges that the sports star drunkenly assaulted her at an upmarket hotel in the French capital.

Sao Paulo state's public security ministry released a statement confirming the accusation had been made, and said the investigation was still sealed, without giving further details. The police report was obtained by several news organizations including Reuters.

The accusation represents a fresh blow for the Brazilian, who has seen his international reputation suffer amid incidents of indiscipline.

Neymar posted a long video on his Instagram page, in which he denied all the accusations against him, claimed to be a victim of extortion, lamented the pain



Neymar.

REUTERS

caused to him and his family, and shared WhatsApp messages with the alleged victim, including racy photos she sent him.

"I'm being accused of rape," he says in the video. "Whoever knows me, knows of my character and my nature, and knows that I would never do a thing like that. ... What happened is exactly the opposite of what they're saying."

His representatives directed Reuters to their official statement, accusing a Sao Paulo lawyer purportedly represent-

ing the victim of trying to extort the soccer star. Reuters was unable to determine the identity

outrageous event, we completely repudiate the unjust accusations and, above all, the exposure in

"If we have to show Neymar's WhatsApps and the conversations with this girl, we will, because it is clear that it was a trap."

Neymar Sr.

of the lawyer or to seek comment on the extortion allegation.

"Faced with this unfortunate, illegal and

the press of an extremely negative situation," the statement said. "All evidence of attempted extortion and non-rape shall

be submitted to police in a timely manner."

Neymar's father, Neymar Sr., said earlier in a local TV interview that his son needed to move quickly to clean his name or risk the situation snowballing.

"If we have to show Neymar's WhatsApps and the conversations with this girl, we will, because it is clear that it was a trap," he said, adding they were living "difficult moments."

According to the police report, the unnamed woman told investigators

in Sao Paulo that she met Neymar on Instagram and he suggested they meet in Paris, where he plays for Paris Saint-Germain. Neymar's assistant sent her plane tickets and on May 15 she checked in to the Hotel Sofitel Paris Arc Du Triomphe, according to her account.

The Sofitel hotel did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The woman told police that Neymar arrived at the hotel that night "apparently drunk," and that they talked and "cared."

"However, at some point, Neymar became aggressive, and through violence, practiced sexual intercourse against the will of the victim," the police report says.

The woman told police she returned home to Brazil two days later without telling French police about the alleged rape because she was "emotionally shaken and afraid to register the facts in another country," according to the report.

Neymar is currently in Brazil, training with the national soccer team ahead of this month's Copa America. **REUTERS**

Chances of finding missing climbers alive slim: India

2 Two Indian air force helicopters conducted reconnaissance missions around the Nanda Devi mountain in the Himalayas for eight missing climbers without success on Sunday and survivors are unlikely to be found, two state government officials said. The rescue effort for the climbers — four from Britain, two from the United States, and one each from Australia and India — began on Saturday when they

did not return to their base camp on Friday, but it may take days to trek to the avalanche-hit area where they were last known to have been. The second aerial mission concluded after tracing the climbers' "last-known location and footmarks" on the other side of the Nanda Devi East Peak, said Vijay Kumar Jogdande, the top civil servant in the Pithoragarh district of India's rugged state of Uttarakhand. **REUTERS**

Buffett charity lunch fetches record \$4.57M

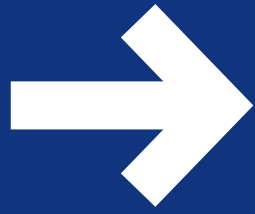
3 An anonymous bidder has agreed to pay a record \$4,567,888 at an annual charity auction to have a private lunch with Warren Buffett, the billionaire chairman of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. The winning bid, which was submitted during a five-day online auction on eBay that ended Friday night, was nearly one-third higher than the previous record \$3,456,789 bids in both the 2012 and 2016 auctions. Proceeds benefit the Glide Founda-

tion, a charity in San Francisco's Tenderloin district that serves the poor, homeless or those battling substance abuse. Buffett, 88, has raised about \$34.2 million for Glide in 20 annual auctions, which began in 2000 and moved to eBay in 2003. "Mr. Buffett is thrilled. We just spoke with him," Glide President Karen Hanrahan told Reuters after the auction ended. "Mr. Buffett is committed to continuing the auction as long as he's able." **REUTERS**

Sanders, in San Fran, kicks Trump fight into high gear

4 U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders on Sunday called on California Democrats to unite against Donald Trump, kicking the 2020 presidential campaign into high gear with jabs against the Republican president and a veiled swipe at Democratic rival Joe Biden. Sanders called Trump "a racist, a sexist, a homophobe and a religious bigot" in a speech capping off a state Democratic convention that drew 14 of the

24 candidates to make their case before 5,000 delegates, guests and press. "Together we are going to defeat a president who has the most corrupt administration in history," Sanders said, "and a president who knows nothing about real American values." The San Francisco convention became a window into the forces at work in the Democratic Party as it seeks to recover from Trump's populist-fueled victory in 2016. **REUTERS**




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Trump doubles down on threat as Mexico, US gear up for tariff talks

Trump said the 5 percent tariffs against Mexico will begin June 10.

Top Mexican and U.S. officials on Sunday prepared for crunch talks next week aimed at averting a major trade clash after President Donald Trump vowed to impose punitive tariffs on all Mexican goods in an intensifying dispute over migration.

Mexico's Economy Minister Graciela Marquez said on Sunday she would meet with U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross in Washington on Monday, as the two governments begin holding talks to resolve the issue in the U.S. capital in the coming week.

Trump says he will apply tariffs of 5 percent on Mexican goods on June 10 if Mexico does not halt



The flag of Mexico changes in front of a large U.S. flag in front of the New York Stock Exchange.

REUTERS

the flow of illegal immigration, largely from Central America, across the U.S.-Mexico border.

The tariffs will gradually rise to 25 percent if Mexico does not comply with Trump's demands. That threatens major economic damage to Mexico, which sends

about 80 percent of its exports to the United States.

Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador on Saturday hinted his government could agree to tighten migration controls to defuse Trump's threat, and said he expected "good re-

sults" from the talks in Washington next week.

Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard is heading the Mexican delegation, which includes Marquez. Marquez said she spoke to her U.S. counterpart Ross during the inauguration of El Salvador's new president on Saturday,

without giving details.

Ebrard is expected to meet U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo for talks on the crisis on Wednesday, though Mexican officials say they will be holding other meetings beforehand.

Trump's ultimatum has hurt Mexican financial assets and global stocks, but it met resistance from U.S. business leaders and lawmakers worried about the impact of targeting Mexico, one of the United States' top trade partners.

The president went on the attack again on Twitter on Sunday morning, calling Mexico an "abuser of the United States, taking but never giving" and repeating his threats.

"Our many companies and jobs that have been foolishly allowed to move South of the Border, will be brought back into the United States through

taxation [Tariffs]," Trump wrote. "America has had enough!"

Lopez Obrador said on Saturday that Mexico would not engage in a trade war, but noted that his government had a "plan" in case Trump did apply the tariffs, without providing details.

He also noted that Mexico reserved the right to seek international legal arbitration to resolve the dispute.

Meanwhile, some Mexican business groups have urged the government to strike back against any Trump tariffs.

On Friday, Mexico's top farm lobby said Lopez Obrador should target agricultural goods from states that support Trump's Republican Party if the American leader carries out his threat to punish Mexico for the migrants heading north.

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Shooter was not facing discipline, Virginia officials say

DeWayne Craddock quit his job before opening fire on Friday, killing 12.

The gunman who killed 12 people at a Virginia Beach municipal building before dying in a shootout with police was identified on Saturday as a disgruntled city engineer and co-worker of most of the victims.

All but one of the victims from Friday's mass shooting in the coastal resort community were employed by the city, officials said, while the other was a contractor seeking a permit. Four people were wounded.

The gunman, DeWayne Craddock, had worked for the city's public utilities department for about 15 years, Virginia Beach Police Chief James Cervera said at a news conference. He declined to comment on any possible motive.

tional and psychological toll."

Police said the gunman was armed with two .45 caliber pistols and used an employee pass to enter secure areas before firing "immediately and indiscriminately" on victims while reloading with multiple extended ammunition magazines.

At least one of the pistols was fitted with a "sound suppressor," police said. Both handguns were bought legally by the shooter within the last three years, Ashan Benedict, a special agent at the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, told the news conference.

Two more firearms were found at the home where Craddock lived alone, he said.

After the attack began, two police supervisors from a building across the street arrived within minutes, Cervera said, and they were quickly joined by two police dog-handlers. The suspect was killed after a lengthy gun battle.

The victims who worked for Virginia Beach had been employed for between 11 months and 41 years. Six worked in the public utilities department and five were employed in the public works department.

A number of vigils and commemorations are planned, including a memorial service the city is organizing for Thursday evening.

MAKESHIFT BARRICADES

The bloodshed unfolded at Building 2 of the municipal center complex on Friday afternoon as workers prepared to leave for the weekend. Some survivors recounted how they cowered in fear after stacking desks against office doors as makeshift barricades.

Three of the wounded victims were in critical condition and a fourth was in fair condition at local hospitals, said Julie Hill, a spokeswoman for Virginia Beach. **REUTERS**

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AOC returns to bartending to promote fair wages

The New York Democrat served drinks Saturday at The Queensboro restaurant.

U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez took lunch orders, served pizza and rocked the cocktail shaker on Friday to promote increased wages for restaurant servers and other tipped workers.

The New York Democrat and media sensation, who famously worked as a bartender before getting elected to Congress last year, brought firsthand experience to the debate over the proposed Raise the Wage Act, which would raise the U.S. minimum wage to \$15 an hour and guarantee that minimum for tipped employees.

U.S. law exempts restaurants, nail salons and car washes from paying their tipped staff the minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour, instead creating a "tip credit" of up to \$5.12 per hour that allows them to pay as little as \$2.13 per hour on the books.

"Any job that pays \$2.13 per hour is not a job, it is indentured servitude," Ocasio-Cortez told restaurant workers, customers and reporters at The Queensboro restaurant in her New York City district, in a reference to the lowest possible wage before tips.

Ocasio-Cortez, 29, stunned New York Democrats a year ago by defeating incumbent Joe Crowley in the primary election, then cruised to

victory in November and soared to national prominence as a leading voice of the left wing of the party.

The National Restaurant Association, the in-

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U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

dustry lobbying group, has opposed the Raise the Wage Act, saying it would harm restaurants that typically rely on margins between 3 percent and 6 percent, and that the tip credit allows



Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) makes a drink in support of One Fair Wage at The Queensboro restaurant. REUTERS

tipped employees to earn far more than the minimum wage.

Supporters of the Raise the Wage Act argue that restaurants are doing just fine in the seven states that mandate tipped employees receive the minimum wage.

Ocasio-Cortez said she worked as a restaurant hostess starting at age 16 and later as part of the waitstaff, where she was

forced to endure sexual harassment, such as inappropriate comments or touching from customers.

Restaurant servers, who are mostly women, are more able to stand up to abusive customers early in the month when they can "tell that guy to buzz off," but are prone to giving in when the rent is due, Ocasio-Cortez said.

"On the 28th or 29th of the month, you will let that person touch you because of economic desperation," she said.

A separate bill, the Be Heard Act, would overhaul workplace harassment laws. Both bills could pass the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives, but would face long odds in the Republican-controlled Senate. REUTERS



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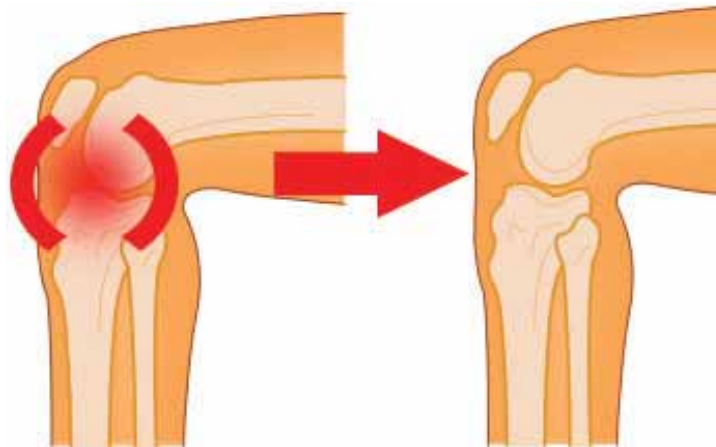
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Cruise ship collides with Venice tourist boat, injuring 4 people

The ship appeared to have lost control after a cable snapped.

A towering cruise ship collided with a dock and a tourist boat in Venice on Sunday, injuring four people and reigniting calls for large vessels to be banned from the lagoon city.

MSC Cruises said the 2,679-passenger Opera, a 54-meter-high and 275-meter-long liner which dwarfed the Venice skyline, was approaching a passenger terminal on the Giudecca Canal when it hit the dock and a nearby ferry after a technical problem.

Footage of the incident showed passengers who had been waiting at a wharf in San Basilio-Zattere fleeing for safety as the huge ship, its horns blaring, crashed into the much smaller, moored



The cruise ship MSC Opera loses control and crashes against a smaller tourist boat at the San Basilio dock in Venice.

REUTERS

"River Countess" boat, which had 110 people on-board.

"I thought the ship was going to crash into my house," a resident living

nearby told Italy's state television.

Pino Musolino, chairman of the North Adriatic Sea Port Authority, said four people had suffered

minor injuries in the crash. Emergency workers said the cruise ship appeared to have lost control after a steel cable that tied it to a tugboat snapped.

Local media said the four injured were female tourists from the United States, Australia and New Zealand aged between 67 and 72.

The accident rekindled a heated row in Italy over the risks to the fragile ecosystem and monuments of Venice posed by cruise ships that routinely sail very close to the shore.

The safety of big ships in European cities has been highlighted by the

crash last week of a cruise liner with a pleasure boat on the Danube in Budapest. Twenty-eight people were presumed killed, nearly all South Korean tourists.

Italian Transport Minister Danilo Toninelli said on Twitter the Venice incident was proof that big ships should not travel on the Giudecca, a major thoroughfare that leads to St. Mark's Square.

"After many years of inertia, we are finally close to a definitive solution to protect both the lagoon and tourism," he said.

Ships weighing more

than 96,000 tons were banned from the Giudecca Canal in 2013, while the number of smaller ships using the waterway was limited to five a day, but that legislation was overturned at the end of 2015.

The Italian government decided in 2017 that the largest ships weighing more than 100,000 tons would have to take a less glamorous route to the industrial port of Marghera, far from the Giudecca and Grand canals.

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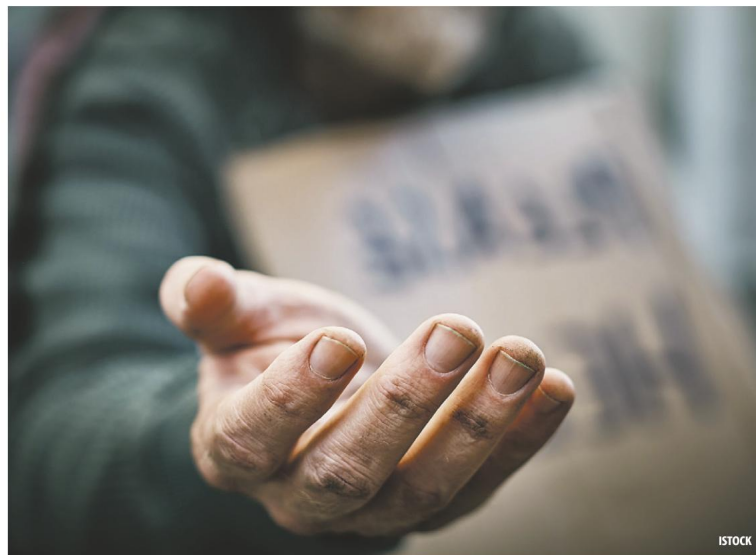
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I'm all for helping people in need, but when someone asking for money on the train — supposedly to buy food — turns down someone giving them something edible, it leaves me in awe. Musicians busking are the only ones whom I don't mind sparing a buck or two for.

— Anonymous, Metro US reader



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Aries Do what you do best and avoid getting involved in situations or conversations that can lead to trouble. Finish what you start in order to maintain a good reputation.



Libra Be open to suggestions and learn all you can from someone who has more experience or higher credentials than you. A meeting, business trip or lecture is favored.



Taurus Make a change that counts. Go the distance and take pride in what you do. Shortcuts will be frowned upon by influential people. Stick to the rules.



Scorpio A positive change is heading your way. Discuss matters pertaining to a joint venture or lopsided partnership. Use reason to get good results.



Gemini Listen to what's being said or offered before you decide to get involved in someone else's project. You are best off following your dreams and focusing on what makes you happy.



Sagittarius Trust only what you know to be factual. Evading issues will only make matters worse. Do your best to stick to time-tested guidelines and rules.



Cancer Look for creative ways to stay in shape. If you enjoy doing something physical, turn it into a workout routine. The compliments you receive will encourage you to do more.



Capricorn Stick to your plans. Don't worry if someone decides to take a different path. Domestic changes will be good investments and will please someone you love.



Leo Helping others may be tiring, but the rewards will be worth your while. An interesting conversation will spark your imagination and open up a window of opportunity.



Aquarius Don't depend on others when you can make your own opportunities. If you wait for someone to honor a promise or proposal, you'll be disappointed. Be prepared to do the work and reap the rewards.



Virgo Focus on what you need to accomplish. Make the necessary changes and do your best to avoid situations that could set you off or lead you into indulgence. Choose love over discord.



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Demand Soars At NYC Medical Clinic For Promising Back Pain Treatment

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The Advanced Medical Treatment Every Back & Neck Pain Sufferer Needs To Know - No Matter How Bad The Pain Is Or How Many Other Treatments Have Failed

NYC Pain MD is a medical clinic with two locations in New York City that has made a name for itself by treating the worst cases of back or neck pain.

Here is what every back and neck pain sufferer who has failed to respond to other treatments and does not want surgery should know about one of the best treatment options available today for severe back and neck pain including when, why and where you should consider this treatment to get maximum results.

If you suffer with back, neck or nerve pain, you have probably already tried *many treatments...* especially countless pain medications.

Experienced doctors understand that even though pain medications such as anti-inflammatory pain pills are part of the recommended early treatment plan for back pain... they are rarely the answer.

In most cases they have minimal, short term results (if any) and have a laundry list of potential side effects. Some being serious and even life threatening.

Are there any better options?

Thankfully, advancements in science and technology come extremely fast. And now there is very good option to help relieve the pain.

An option that a lot of back and neck pain sufferers may have never heard of before.

Before we get into these treatments, please understand this...

NYC Pain MD is a REAL medical clinic that has treated the worst cases of back pain. Patients travel from all over to be treated at one of their clinics for all sorts of joint and muscle pain because they want the best medical treatments available.

What you are about to discover is a REAL medical treatment. Not some miracle cure you see on infomercials or on the internet.

Know this fact: There is no one treatment that will

help every case of back pain.

And we cannot guarantee this treatment will work for you. But this treatment has already helped countless back and neck pain sufferers who had given up hope. I bet many just like you.

What is this treatment? It's called...

Radiofrequency Neurotomy

"Radiofrequency Neurotomy" is often referred to as RF for short.

RF is a procedure that is based on the theory that blocking the nerve supply to the painful area may alleviate pain and restore function.

There are many nerves around your spine and one of their jobs is to sense PAIN.

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Two procedures are performed. First, a test, diagnostic "Block" procedure is done to determine if the procedure is going to decrease pain and improve function.

If this first "test" procedure is successful, the Radio Frequency Neurotomy is scheduled and performed for longer term relief.

What Results Can You Expect?

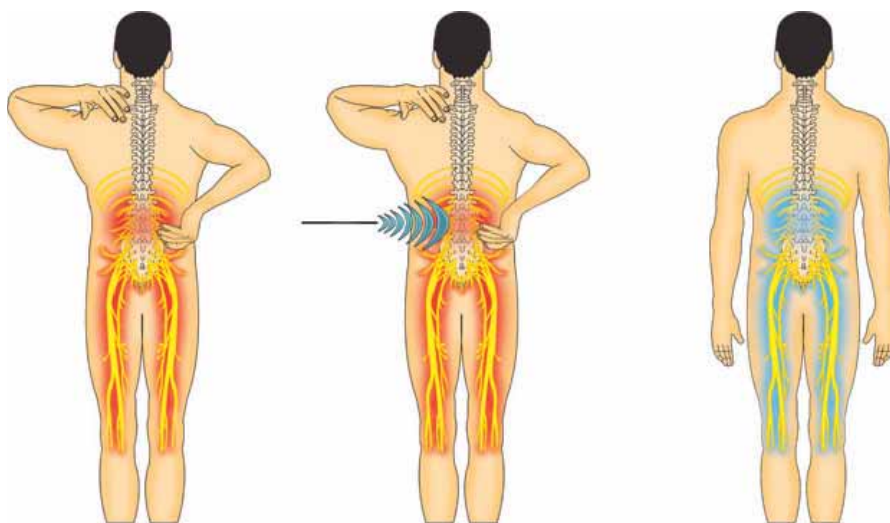
Like all real medical procedures... results vary for individual patients. No good and ethical doctor would guarantee any exact results for any procedure... that's just not how things work and it would be less than honest.

That's being said, it is not uncommon for patients to get complete, if not significant relief of their pain shortly after the treatment.

How Long Do The Results Last?

This procedure "blocks" the nerves pain signals... it does not destroy them. Therefore, the results are safe but not completely permanent. But, many patients get relief for 6 months... 12 months... 18 months for some and some even longer. The great news is - another procedure can be safely performed for more relief if necessary.

Advanced Treatment Uses Radio Frequencies To Relieve Serious Neck & Back Pain



Science rescues back & neck pain sufferers?: Radio Frequency Waves are used to block the nerve supply to the painful area and may alleviate pain and restore function to many.

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Really... what would it be worth it to you could get out of pain for long enough so you could start enjoying your everyday life again?

Would it be worth it to be able to finally get a good nights sleep again?

How about being able to go for a simple walk or just do your basic daily chores without worrying about so much pain?

Is It Safe?

Yes. This procedure has been done countless times and continues to have an excellent safety record. It is minimally invasive and is not surgical.

Who Should Try This Treatment?

RF should be considered after other treatments, such as anti-inflammatory pain medication and physical therapy do not offer good enough results.

RF has also been found effective AFTER back surgery when patient's still feel pain.

The pain after a failed back surgery can be debilitating for some and this procedure may be the only thing that helps give you relief.

What To Do Next If You Are In Pain And The "X" Factor

Here is the "X" factor many do not consider that might be the difference between you getting the best possible treatment or not.

Many experts suggest choosing a medical clinic that offers all these treatments and has the proper, most advanced technology all under one roof without the need for a surgical center or hospital.

Major Savings In Time And Costs Of Care?

NYC Pain MD's method allows you to avoid expensive hospital or out patient surgery-center facility fees which often run 3 to 4 times the cost of the procedure itself. And you don't have to go through the huge stress and time consuming process of going all over the city to outside centers. All the NYC Pain MD treatments can be done in out in-office procedure suites saving you stress, time and dollars. NYC Pain MD believes this additional "X" factor is one of the reasons so many back pain sufferers travel from all over to be treated at one of their advanced medical clinics.

Your Invitation

NYC Pain MD offers a limited number of complimentary back pain treatment screenings every

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LIFESTYLE

The legendary band will be performing six shows at Brooklyn Bowl this month.



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The Athens, Georgia, rock institution Drive-By Truckers have always struck a great balance between never shying away from the ugly truths of modern American life while delivering these unfortunate messages with a life-affirming grin. The band's two chief songwriters, Patterson Hood and Mike Cooley, weave stories of the downtrodden and forgotten with depth and pathos into the band's patented mix of Skynyrd Southern rock, Neil Young dirge, and the



sneer of The Clash.

The band's 2016 album "American Band" found both Patterson and Cooley writing some of the most-of-the-moment and politically charged material the band had ever released up to that point. Songs like the Hood ballad "What It Means" spoke frankly about the racial divisions in our country, the Black Lives Matter movement and the need to address the senseless police shootings of young black men

on a far-too-frequent basis. The record was written and recorded before the 2016 election and, unfortunately, has only become more powerful in its message with time.

"Unfortunately, it's become more timely," says Hood, who spoke with me over the phone from his new home in Portland, Oregon. "Artistically, that's maybe kind of cool. But, as far as living in the world, it's not. It would be probably better if it was kind of dated and you

heard it and you thought, 'Oh, that's an artifact of that era back when that terrible s—t used to happen.' By the time the record came out, it was in the full heat of the fall election season. We really went into the tour thinking that the next year, our record would be kind of this obsolete thing. Of course, that didn't turn out to be the case at all, unfortunately. Who knows what's going to happen now? The news has gotten so f—ing

crazy that if I woke up one morning and someone said that the Planet of the Apes had started happening, or something... What's even shocking anymore? It's like, 'Oh, an orangutan took over the White House.' Oh, s—t. Well, maybe that might be an improvement."

While touring the record, the band dubbed themselves the "Dance Band of the Resistance" and were sometimes met with confrontation from fans in red states along the way. Hood and the Truckers are currently putting the finishing touches on the follow-up to "American Band," for a release sometime early next year. For Hood, the work they did on the last record is far from being over. How can you write about anything else with all of the insane things coming down the news wire on a daily basis?

"It's probably just coming to terms with this world that we're in right

now," Hood says of the new material. "It's maybe not as blatantly political as the last album, but it's definitely part of it. But a more, kind of personal slant of it, I guess. How do you explain this s—t to your kids?"

I had to laugh to myself, and told him that was a pretty good title for the record. "That's probably a better title than any title we have right now. We're still figuring out that. That actually probably is not a bad title, 'Drive-By Truckers: How to Explain This S—t to Our Kids.'"

The band will be taking over Brooklyn Bowl for six shows over two weekends in June. While many bands with similar-sized catalogs tend to visit specific moments in their careers by playing classic albums in full, Hood feels that sort of discipline goes against the freewheeling nature of their live shows. Besides, with all of the personnel changes the

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band has gone through in their 20-plus years — namely the exit of Jason Isbell, who was with the band for some of their most acclaimed records — it might just not be in the cards.

"I don't know. We've never really done album shows, other than when 'Southern Rock Opera' first came out," explains Hood of this improbable scenario. "It's weird 'cause we've been together so long, but we've also had a lot of former members. If we did 'Decoration Day' in its entirety, what would we do about two of the best songs on that record? Somebody [Isbell] that's no longer in the band. He's doing those songs in his show, which is great, and with his kick-ass band. So there's kind of that. We're now over seven years into this line-up without any changes, which is amazing. But before that, we never did more than two records in a row with the same line-up. 'English Oceans' was the first time that, all of a sudden, it became super stable, which has been great. I feel like we kind of have the band now

that — hopefully — we'll have as long as we're able to do this. Until we're too old to do this anymore, which hopefully is no time too soon. The other thing about it is that we don't ever do a set list. So, imposing a theme on it all of a sudden, that would mean we'd have to write it down and follow a set list. I don't know how that would work with how we do our show, because it's so much of the show that we don't have a set list. It becomes kind of the sport of making it feel seamless, like there's a set list when there isn't one. Which doesn't always work. But on a good night, it

does. On a good night, it's boom, boom, boom, boom, boom. Cooley and I go back and forth, and we have elaborate hand signals and s—t. To cue each other what's coming. It's like a baseball game or something. A different hand signal to the guitar guy so that the right guitar is there for the next song. If all of the sudden we were following a set list, I'm afraid we would just... I don't know what would happen. We might break."

Make sure to get tickets to see the Drive-By Truckers during their six-night run at Brooklyn Bowl, June 20-22 and June 27-29.



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5 Family-friendly Pride events to check out in NYC

Pride month is finally here, and this year there are events for everyone. Here are five family-friendly events you need to check out in NYC this June.



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Pride isn't just for grown-ups, it's for children and families, too. This year, New York City Pride is making sure all members of the LGBTQ community are celebrated, no matter what age they are. New York City Pride is hosting countless family-friendly events throughout June to celebrate the LGBTQ

community. These events promise to be full of fun for all ages. From movie nights with drag queens to giant rainbow flags, celebrate all things LGBTQ with these five must-do events throughout the month of June.

Attend the annual LGBTQ Family Pride Night

The Children's Museum of Manhattan is hosting its annual LGBTQ Family Pride Night. This special after-hours event celebrates all types of queer families, as well as LGBTQ adults and children. Families can explore all five floors of this wonderful museum for free. Just be sure to RSVP online!

June 6, 5:30-7:30 p.m., free, 212 W. 83rd St.

Help decorate a giant Pride flag



A happy family at the Rainbow Run.

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In addition to Family Pride Night, the Children's Museum of Manhattan is hosting countless events throughout June to celebrate Pride. From June 7 to June 31, kids can help paint the Pride flag and fill it with bright and colorful objects.

June 7-31, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$11-\$14 (event included with museum admission), 212 W. 83rd St.

Join the Rainbow Run

This run physically takes place in Florida, but all New Yorkers can participate in a virtual race! This 4.9K course is to remember those 49 people whose lives were lost during the Pulse nightclub tragedy in 2016. All proceeds from this run benefit onePULSE Foundation, dedicated to maintaining the memorial, helping survivors and victims' families, and more.

June 8, 7 a.m., \$49, communi-

tyrainbowrun.com

Attend the World Pride Celebration at FDR Four Freedoms State Park

A massive Pride flag comes to FDR Four Freedoms State Park this Pride month. The Park's famous staircase will be transformed into the LGBTQ Pride Flag from June 14 to June 30. To celebrate World Pride on June 15, there will be a massive celebration all day long

for all. This event includes a drag queen story hour, food trucks, and Video-Out will be there capturing coming-out stories for its online library. The event is free to attend but requires registration.

June 15, noon-6 p.m., free with RSVP, 1 FDR Four Freedoms Park

Enjoy "Coco" under the stars

Enjoy a family-friendly movie night under the stars at Hudson River Park's Pier 45. This year they are showing the film "Coco." Get there early for prizes and entertainment with Miss Richfield 1981. It promises to be a night full of family fun and laughs. The event is free, though families can purchase premium seats.

June 21, 6:30 p.m., free (premium seats \$50-\$750), Pier 45

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When doctors accurately placed FDA approved lubricating medicines using advanced imaging into almost 2000 arthritic knees (like putting oil on a rusty door hinge or automobile engine) the majority of patients actually responded well enough to avoid major and complex knee replacement surgery. But, the

procedure needs to be done by experienced doctors using the best technology for optimum technique and results.

Know this: This is an FDA-cleared REAL medical treatment that must be given by a skilled professional.

These special treatments are now available right here in NYC for Tri-State area arthritis sufferers. And many insurances, even Medicare, cover these treatments for qualified patients.

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Hitting their sweet spot

Rome Ramirez gave Metro the scoop on Sublime with Rome's new album and tour.



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Sublime with Rome has always been re-identifying themselves: with different band members, new styles and songs. But now the ska punk band really seems to have found their sweet spot — and it shows. Sublime with Rome's third full-length album, "Blessings," is set to drop on May 31, and they are also touring around the country this summer with their incredibly catchy repertoire. If you thought that the band would never be quite what it was back in the '90s, good. Because they aren't. And quite frankly, they shouldn't be. Rome Ramirez, the band's guitarist and singer, sat down with Metro to talk about their new album,

their tour and how the band has changed within the past decade.

First off, I want to talk about your third full-length album. What was the inspiration behind "Blessings"?

It's sort of like a summary of the last 10 years. It's kind of taking a step out of the driver's seat and looking at everything from an outward perspective and growing up in the process. There's just so much narrative there that I really wanted to capture that in the songs.

Is there a particular track that is your favorite from the new album?

Yeah, we have a new song out right now called "Light On" and that's my favorite song I've ever written, period. Then on the flip side of that, one of my other favorite songs from the record is a song called "Thank U." It's really simple, it's just the drum and vocal. Again I think the honesty and

what I was trying to say with that song, it portrays really well. I have a hard time even just listening to myself without being such a hard critic, and this is just in its natural form, so I just felt like I didn't have to be uptight.

When you write, is there a certain writing process that you do, or is it different every time?

You know, it does change. When you get older, your process kind of changes and your time changes. So, obviously when your time starts to shift, how you spend it starts to shift. I think right now it's a lot easier to create when you have something to say. I'm a songwriter and producer but when I'm not writing songs for my album, I'm writing songs and producing music for plenty of other artists. So, either I would have to be the most emotional man in the world to be able to do that or I would have to find a place to be able to constantly create nar-



Rome Ramirez. GETTY IMAGES

ratives and stories with writing and producing music in that volume.

You mentioned things changing over time. Since it's almost the 10-year anniversary of Sublime with Rome, how would you say the band has progressed over the past decade?

I think we finally are really just comfortable. Onstage and in practice, it can be really difficult to

have a brotherhood and then be professional — it can turn into a business. You start families and then you only see each other when you are doing business. And then sometimes a lot of bands will go through sort of that detachment when it turns into a "job." But I think we've just really mastered that sort of union. It's just a lot of fun for us.

Overall, what would you

tell someone to expect at one of your concerts?

I would definitely tell people that it's an experience. That's kind of how we want everything to be. Listening to the music, we want the visuals to match. Then you go to the live show and you want the experience to be better than just listening to the songs on the album. But we definitely put an emphasis on our sounds and our visuals. It's bananas, we have this really extensive stage setup and a really radical package that updates us from the previous tour. We are continually trying to elevate and pull people in, because everybody tours and there are so many bands and artists out there trying to compete to get people to come see them live. For our fans to continually keep coming out and supporting us, we want to give them something to feel like they're watching it grow and they are getting their money's worth.

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Two screens are better than one

While we still cannot call it a market trend, dual-screen laptops are on the rise. Asus introduced the ZenBook Pro Duo with dual touchscreens at Computex 2019, while Intel did not fall behind with its own prototype.

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Better than the ScreenPad, and much better than the Touch Bar

The idea is not new at all: Since last year's ZenBook Pro, Asus has been trying to convince us to have more than one screen on

a laptop. And this week the manufacturer introduced at Computex 2019 the ZenBook Pro Duo, which is the evolution of its previous laptop, now with a screen on the trackpad. Below the main display there is another touchscreen that goes from side to side on the terminal, and that works as a secondary screen, a toolbar or even as an input.

Of course, the ZenBook Pro Duo is not for everyone: Asus imagined it as powerful equipment with high-end features designed for content creation, art and design. The secondary screen, called ScreenPad Plus, can be used as a control for various applications — similar to the Touch Bar on recent MacBook Pros

— or with a stylus, in the same way you would use a tablet like a Cintiq.

Inside, the equipment has what we would expect from a high-end ZenBook: Intel Core i9 eight-core processor, configurations of up to 32 GB of RAM and a GeForce RTX 2060 6 GB that powers both displays.

If these specifications are too much for you, Asus has a little brother: the ZenBook Duo, which is identical to the Pro version in terms of screens, but a little smaller — 14 inches instead of 15.6 — and Full HD instead of UHD. It also has a state-of-the-art Intel Core i7 that still has not been confirmed, and a GeForce MX250 of 2 GB in video as well as 16 GB of RAM at most.

ZenBook Pro Duo

The main screen, which is also tactile, is a 15.6-inch UHD OLED monitor (3840 × 2160); the secondary one a 14-inch IPS (3840 × 1100) IPS panel that has a matte anti-reflective cover, which looks deceptively dark in photographs but has a brightness very similar to the main screen. The main display is not far behind, with a contrast ratio of 100000:1, a DCI-P3 color gamut at 100 percent, and HDR.

Asus has not yet confirmed its official prices and aims to launch during the third quarter of the year, maybe arriving to Latin America in Q4.

The dual-screen of the "Honeycomb Glacier" lifts

Meanwhile, at an event called Intel Open House in the framework of Computex, the chip company presented the "Honeycomb Glacier," very similar to the ZenBook Pro Duo.

Remarkably similar in form, with a main screen and a secondary display on the keyboard, its difference lies in that it includes an additional hinge at the center which allows both screens to be lifted to a position that seems to be more "natural" for



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a device that, basically, is still a laptop. According to specialized media, the screens stay fixed in the position that you leave them, either with the hinges halfway or with the screens fully extended at an angle of almost 90 degrees.

According to Intel, the market for this form factor is directly exclusive: gamers, content creators and designers, who can take advantage of the secondary screen to com-

plement the tasks they perform on the superior one.

Bearing this in mind, it is very possible that 2020 becomes the year of dual-screens. With Asus at the helm and Intel thinking about prototypes, it would not be strange to see more manufacturers getting on board. Dell has already announced that they are working on a computer with this technology, and we are waiting for the rest.

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The free-agent pitcher is expected to sign this week.



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Expect the free-agency saga of starting pitcher Dallas Keuchel to hit another level today as the New York Yankees remain linked with the southpaw.

Monday offers the first chance at MLB teams to sign the former Cy Young Award winner without losing compensatory draft picks, meaning it only comes down to the almighty dollar and nothing else.

The 31-year-old Keuchel remained unsigned throughout the winter and for the first two months of the 2019 season after contract demands seemed too rich for teams to pursue.

The league's waiting game has seemingly worked out as Keuchel's

Keuchel watch heats up for Yanks



Dallas Keuchel is expected to sign sometime this week. GETTY IMAGES

demands have significantly lessened. Per ESPN's Buster Olney, the former Houston Astro was looking for a six- or seven-year deal with an average annual salary ranging between \$25 million and \$30 million.

Now with the calendar flipping to June, Keuchel

is open to signing a one-year deal around \$18 million. That way, he can use this season as a way to prove that he is still a top-end pitcher before hitting free agency once again.

A mediocre 2018, coupled with injury issues that have remained prevalent since 2016, cooled

the market for Keuchel, who was the 2015 American League Cy Young Award winner.

Despite three inconsistent seasons following his award-winning campaign, Keuchel still has a 3.37 ERA while averaging 187 strikeouts per full season since 2016.

It's why plenty of MLB teams, including the Yankees, were there to watch Keuchel throw a simulated game last week.

The Yankees are still in need of starting pitching depth as injuries and major question marks remain prevalent.

Luis Severino contin-

ues his way back from a lat issue that has sidelined him all season and CC Sabathia returned from the IL on Sunday after dealing with right knee inflammation.

James Paxton also missed time this season, while the elbow of Masahiro Tanaka remains to be looked at as an injury issue waiting to happen.

JA Happ has battled inconsistencies after the Yankees retained him, making the organization's most valuable starter so far this season the unlikely Domingo German.

It's made the Yankees one of the favorites to sign Keuchel this week, per multiple reports.

Manager Aaron Boone alluded to the possibility of the Yankees going with a six-man rotation should Keuchel sign, as the lefty is expected to be ready to go quickly.

His agent, Scott Boras, told MLB Network's Jon Morosi that Keuchel has pitched seven simulated games of 95-to-104 pitches and could be ready within a week of joining a team.

Didi Gregorius set to rejoin Yankees this week

While the Yankees continue to deal with an onslaught of injuries, they received some good news over the weekend.

Starting shortstop Didi Gregorius is expected to rejoin the Yankees on Friday in Cleveland against the Indians, manager Aaron Boone revealed over the weekend. The 29-year-old has missed the first two months of the 2019 season after undergoing Tommy John surgery on his right elbow in October.

Gregorius has developed into one of the most prolific hitting shortstops in Yankees history during four seasons in the Bronx.

After being acquired from the Arizona Diamondbacks, with whom he never hit more than nine home runs over his first three MLB seasons, Gregorius has averaged 20 home runs per season with the Yankees.



Didi Gregorius underwent Tommy John surgery in October 2018. GETTY IMAGES

He's eclipsed the 20-home-run mark in each of the past three seasons, including 27 last year — a franchise

record for a shortstop.

His extended absence forced the Yankees to go out and sign the likes of Troy Tulowitzki and

DJ LeMahieu during the offseason for insurance purposes. However, Tulowitzki has appeared in just five games as he

continues to struggle with his recovery from a calf injury.

The Yankees have managed to not only

stay afloat without Gregorius, Giancarlo Stanton, Aaron Judge, Luis Severino, Miguel Andujar and plenty more — but thrive.

Thanks to huge contributions from Gio Urshela at third base, the Yankees have been able to move Gleyber Torres to shortstop while LeMahieu starts at second.

With Gregorius' impending return, expect Torres to return to second while LeMahieu becomes the Yankees' primary utility infielder.

Gregorius slotted in as a designated hitter for triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre on Sunday. He will have Monday off before playing a pair of games on Tuesday and Wednesday.

If there are no setbacks, he will then make his way back to the majors to play in his first game with the Yankees since Oct. 9.

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The New York Knicks are flirting with the dangerous possibility of doing Knicks-like things.

A report over the weekend from ESPN.com's Jonathan Givony and Mike Schmitz revealed that the Knicks have "explored the possibility" of trading down from the No. 3 pick in the 2019 NBA Draft. They would send the pick to the Atlanta Hawks, who would give up No. 8 and No. 10 picks.

You don't need me to tell you how ridiculous this is.

While this is one of the deeper draft classes in recent memory, the Knicks have a golden opportunity to draft a game-changing talent at No. 3 in Duke's RJ Barrett. The Canadian product is believed to be the most NBA-ready prospect in the draft, providing as close to a seamless tran-

sition as possible to the pros.

Picks at 8 and 10 simply can't offer the same amount of promise. Yet the Knicks are considering a trade to "acquire pieces that better complement" free-agent stars this summer. Both Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving have been heavily linked with the Knicks for the past year.

Barrett seems like a solid piece to complement any big-name free agent in New York, but the notion of trading the No. 3 pick should provide yet another red flag for those considering a move to Madison Square Garden.

The 6-foot-7 wing averaged 22.6 points and 7.6 rebounds per game during his lone season at Duke, showing the kind of versatility to play at either the 2 or 3.

That kind of talent can't be passed up for a Knicks team that has lacked any sort of competitive edge for most of the past two decades.

So instead of snagging Barrett, the Knicks would be relegated to developing the likes of



If the Knicks keep the No. 3 pick, they will likely draft Duke star RJ Barrett. GETTY IMAGES

his Duke teammate, Cam Reddish, and North Carolina's Nassir Little.

If general manager Scott Perry is allowed to make such a deal under the advisory of president Steve Mills and owner James Dolan, it will be just another example of how Knicks management is grossly incompetent.

However, there is only one acceptable trade that the Knicks could make if it means giving up that No. 3 pick and the rights

to Barrett.

If the Knicks are all in on signing Durant and transitioning into a "win-now" mode, they can't wait for the likes of Barrett, Kevin Knox, Frank Ntilikina and Mitchell Robinson to develop.

Barrett, Knox and Robinson would likely have to go in a package deal — along with the first-round picks acquired from the Dallas Mavericks in the Kristaps Porzingis trade — to the New Orleans Pelicans for

superstar center Anthony Davis.

Even with the Pelicans winning the No. 1 pick and the rights to Zion Williamson, it won't be enough to make Davis stay as he remains steadfast in his desire to get out of New Orleans.

The Knicks are believed to be a team that will be able to sign him to a long-term contract extension before he hits free agency in 2020, which would obviously cushion the blow of giving up an elite prospect like Barrett.

However, a massive trade like that does deplete their ranks on the bench. Davis and Durant provide a nice centerpiece and it's even better if they can add a point guard like Irving to the mix — though it would take some salary-cap gymnastics. However, it's been proven this season (see the Philadelphia 76ers) that the East can't be won simply off an imposing starting five.

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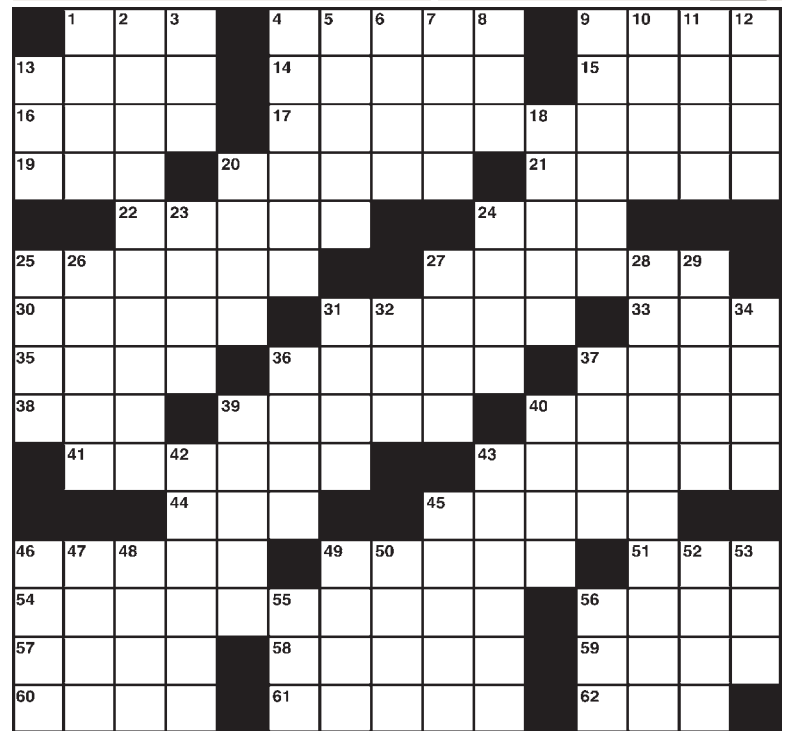
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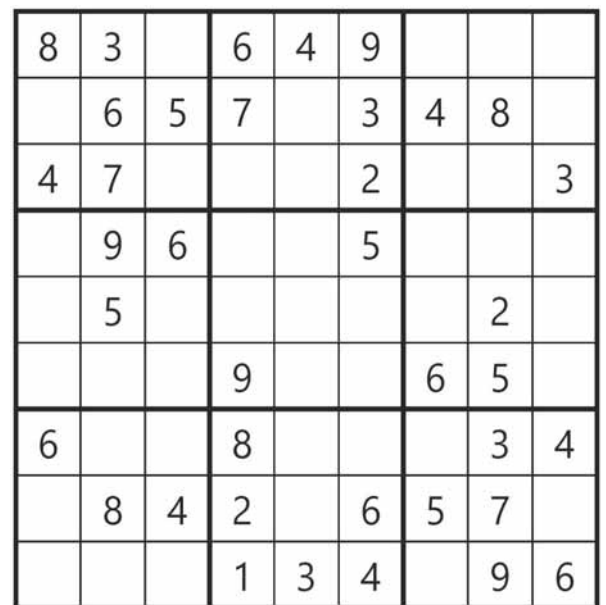
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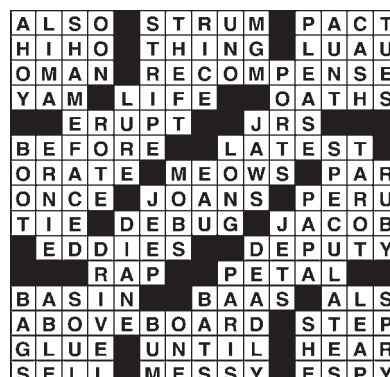


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